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Mr Bill Leuschner  
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Dear Leuschner:

Please pardon my delay in answering your mail. I am answering all three letters at the same time.

First of all I am enclosing the forms you asked for.

Next about East Orange, I do not want to commit myself to any dates as yet. Last year I agreed to go there several dates, and later I would liked to have changed some of them. First thing I would like to find out is what about Bushwicks. You can understand why I would want to close the most desirable dates first.

Next about June 3rd, I had already written about it when I received your letter.

Now about The Yankees, I am writing a letter today to Cottlieb, to see if we can arrange one of those lending affairs. I know it is not the proper way to do things, but I know you can understand in this day of manpower shortages no one wants to let a man go if he looks like anything. Right now my pitching looks very sad. Hooker has gone to Mexico. The rookie Newcombe is holding out for a ridiculous increase, threatening to go to Mexico, and I do not know where McDuffie is. He is also asking for a terrible increase, threatening with Mexico. If these things would cause us to set up a real business, it would be worth the headaches. Without pitching a team is not much as you know. We were expecting several rookies in camp, but I have not had answers to my last letters to them. I am wondering if the Southern League has contacted them. This is the darndest time to be starting another league. All these things show how poorly our business is handled. Believe me if we can offer any help to The Yankees, without hurting ourselves too much I will be glad to. I would like to see N. York have a strong team.

Very Truly Yours